

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 60 and 66, amend claims 61 - 65, and add new claim 67, as shown below. At the request of the Examiner, a clean copy of the claims is also provided in the section entitled "CLEAN COPY OF THE CLAIMS"

58. (Previously added) An isolated polypeptide which specifically binds a Toso protein, wherein the Toso protein comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 90% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

59. (Previously added) A polypeptide according to claim 58 that is an antibody.

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently amended) ~~A monoclonal~~ An antibody according to claim ~~60~~ 59 that modulates the biological function of a Toso protein in apoptosis.

62. (Currently amended) ~~A monoclonal~~ An antibody according to claim 61 that reduces or eliminates the biological function of a Toso protein.

61 63. (Currently amended) ~~A monoclonal~~ An antibody according to claim 61 that increases the biological function of a Toso protein.

64. (Currently amended) An antibody according to claim 59 directed against a peptide of the extracellular domain of ~~the Toso protein comprising the sequence of amino acid residues 18-253 of figure 2a~~ (SEQ ID NO:2).

65. (Currently amended) An antibody according to claim 59 directed against a peptide of the cytoplasmic domain of ~~the Toso protein comprising the sequence of amino acid residues 273 to 390 of figure 2a~~ (SEQ ID NO:2).

66. (Cancelled)

62 67. (New) An antibody which specifically binds a Toso protein having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
